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SUBJECT: USSR DEPUTY MINISTER OF NON-FERROUS METALLURGY
PROPOSAL FOR FURTHER COOPERATION WITH BUREAU OF MINES AND
US FIRMS

REF: MOSCOW 18271

1. SUMMARY - BECAUSE CLOSED AREA STATUS LAS VEGAS
PRECLUDES MINISTRY DELEGATION'S PARTICIPATION IN AIME
CONVENTION WEEK OF FEBRUARY 22, AND DIFFICULTY OF
SCHEDULING ADEQUATE TIME TO FULLY EXPLORE PROCEDURES FOR
COORDINATION OF COMMERCIAL PROPOSALS BETWEEN MINISTRY AND
US COMPANIES IMMEDIATELY PRECEDING AIME CONVENTION,
PRIVATE SPONSORING ORGANIZATIONS HAVE PROPOSED POSTPONEMENT
OF SOVIET SPECIALISTS' VISIT DESCRIBED REFTEL TO WEEK
OF MARCH 1.

2. WHILE INITIAL SEMINAR WOULD BE SPONSORED BY THE
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ARIZONA MINING ASSOCIATION, THE AMERICAN INSTITUTE OF

MINING ENGINEERS (AIME) IS WILLING TO ASSUME LEAD PRIVATE SECTOR ROLE IN ORGANIZING ONGOING COMMERCIAL EXCHANGES IN FIELD OF NON-FERROUS TECHNOLOGY ENVISIONED BY DEPUTY MINISTER KOSTIN'S PROPOSAL. MEETING OF AD HOC COMMITTEE TO EXPLORE STEPS FOR FURTHER COOPERATION COULD TAKE PLACE DURING MARCH VISIT.

3. TOUR OF BUREAU OF MINES' SALT LAKE CITY, BOULDER CITY, AND RENO, FACILITIES COULD BE ARRANGED TO TAKE PLACE MARCH 2-5, BEGINNING WITH MARCH 1 WASHINGTON MEETING WITH BUREAU AND COMMERCE TO EXPLORE MUTUAL INTERESTS IN COOPERATION IN AREA OF RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT. FIVE DAY TOUR OF COPPER OPERATIONS REFERRED TO IN ARBITER-KOSTIN LETTER AND JOINT SEMINAR AT UNIVERSITY OF ARIZONA WOULD FOLLOW. DELEGATION WOULD RETURN TO MOSCOW MARCH 14.

4. REQUEST EMBASSY ASCERTAIN MINISTRY'S REACTION TO POSTPONEMENT. IF NEW PROPOSAL MEETS WITH APPROVAL, BEWT/TDAD WILL PROCEED TO COORDINATE ARRANGEMENTS WITH BUREAU OF MINES AND PRIVATE ORGANIZERS. KISSINGER

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